

When will DOE O 151.1D be released?

Answer: DOE O 151.1D was signed on August 11th. You can download a copy from the download library to the right

Will training be available?

Answer: Yes, an overview course is in progress and should be available in October. Comprehensive training is planned and will be available in the spring.

DOE O 151.1D, Appendix A, Section 10.s, states: "Identify a senior official who serves as an emergency manager with decision-making authority and responsibilities. This individual must be supported by personnel with communications, technical, liaison, and public affairs expertise." Is the intent of this order requirement to permit these supporting positions to be filled by either Federal or contractor personnel?

Answer: Yes, supporting personnel may be Federal or contractor personnel. The DOE O 151.1D requirement imposes no restriction on the identity- Federal or contractor- of the positions supporting the senior official who is serving the role of emergency manager. This is true whether the emergency manager role is performed by a Federal or a contractor employee.

DOE O 151.1D does not appear to contain a specific requirement for the Cognizant Field Element to perform emergency management program evaluations on a required periodicity. The previous version of the order, DOE O 151.1C, stated that the Cognizant Field Element "must evaluate the emergency management program at each site/facility under its supervision. Each site/facility must be evaluated at least once every three years." [Chapter X, Readiness Assurance, Section 2.a.(3)] Are emergency management program evaluations still required and, if so, what is the periodicity?

Answer:

A formal "emergency management evaluation" is no longer required every three years. However, the associated requirements throughout DOE O 151.1D, taken together, ensure that adequate readiness assurance is maintained. This is accomplished primarily through the site/facility/activity emergency management plan, which must be approved every three years.

Overall, the Field Element Manager is responsible for ensuring that adequate readiness assurance is maintained at their sites, facilities, and activities, in much the same way as the previous order, DOE O 151.1C. DOE O 151.1D requirements depend upon use of emergency management evaluations, improvements, and ERAPs to assure emergency plans and procedures are adequate, similar to DOE O 151.1C. Sections of DOE O 151.1D that

address evaluating the adequacy of the emergency management program, including periodicity, include:

- *Appendix A, Section 10, FIELD ELEMENT MANAGERS, paragraph 10.b.:*

Review and approve site, facility, and activity emergency management plans, including updates.

- *Appendix A, Section 10, FIELD ELEMENT MANAGERS, paragraph 10.f.(1):*

Assess the Field Element emergency management program annually and document the results of the self-assessment in the Field Element portion of the Emergency Readiness Assurance Plan (ERAP).

- *Attachment 3, Section 1c.(1) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT:*

DOE federal and contractor managers responsible for DOE sites/facilities/activities must— Develop and maintain an all-hazards emergency management plan. The emergency management plan must be –

(1) reviewed and documented annually, and updated, if appropriate, and approved no less than every three years.

- *Attachment 3, Section 14, READINESS ASSURANCE, paragraph 14.a.(1):*

The Readiness Assurance Program consists of evaluations, improvements, and the Emergency Readiness Assurance Plan.

a. Evaluations consist of assessments, exercises, and performance indicators.

(1) Assessments. DOE sites/facilities/activities must conduct assessments to ensure that emergency plans, procedures, emergency response activities, and resources are adequate and sufficiently maintained.